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also protects the public by enforcing rules that require customer funds be kept in separate accounts, away from accounts maintained by firms for their own use or maintained on behalf of the firm, and that such customer accounts be marked to present market value at the close of trading each day.

The Commission maintains regional offices in Chicago, IL, and New York, NY, where many of the Nation's designated contract markets are located. Additional regional offices are located in Kansas City, MO, and Minneapolis, MN.

For further information, contact the Office of External Affairs, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 Twenty-first Street NW., Washington, DC 20581. Phone, 202-418-5080. Internet, www.cftc.gov.

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

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[For the Consumer Product Safety Commission statement of organization, see the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Title 16, Part 1000]

The Consumer Product Safety Commission protects the public against unreasonable risks of injury from consumer products; assists consumers in evaluating the comparative safety of consumer products; develops uniform safety standards for consumer products and minimizes conflicting State and local regulations; and promotes research and investigation into the causes and prevention of product-related deaths, illnesses, and injuries.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission is an independent Federal regulatory agency established by the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2051 *et seq.*). The Commission consists of five Commissioners, appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate, one of whom is appointed Chairman.

The Commission is responsible for implementing provisions of the Flammable Fabrics Act (15 U.S.C. 1191), the Poison Prevention Packaging Act of 1970 (15 U.S.C. 1471), the Federal Hazardous Substances Act (15 U.S.C. 1261), and the act of August 2, 1956 (15 U.S.C. 1211), which prohibits the transportation of refrigerators without door safety devices.

Activities

To help protect the public from unreasonable risks of injury associated with consumer products, the Commission performs the following functions:

- requires manufacturers to report defects in products that could create substantial hazards;
- requires, where appropriate, corrective action with respect to specific substantially hazardous consumer products already in commerce;
- collects information on consumer product-related injuries and maintains a comprehensive Injury Information Clearinghouse;

- conducts research on consumer product hazards;

- encourages and assists in the development of voluntary standards related to the safety of consumer products;

- establishes, where appropriate, mandatory consumer product standards;

- bans, where appropriate, hazardous consumer products; and

- conducts outreach programs for consumers, industry, and local governments.

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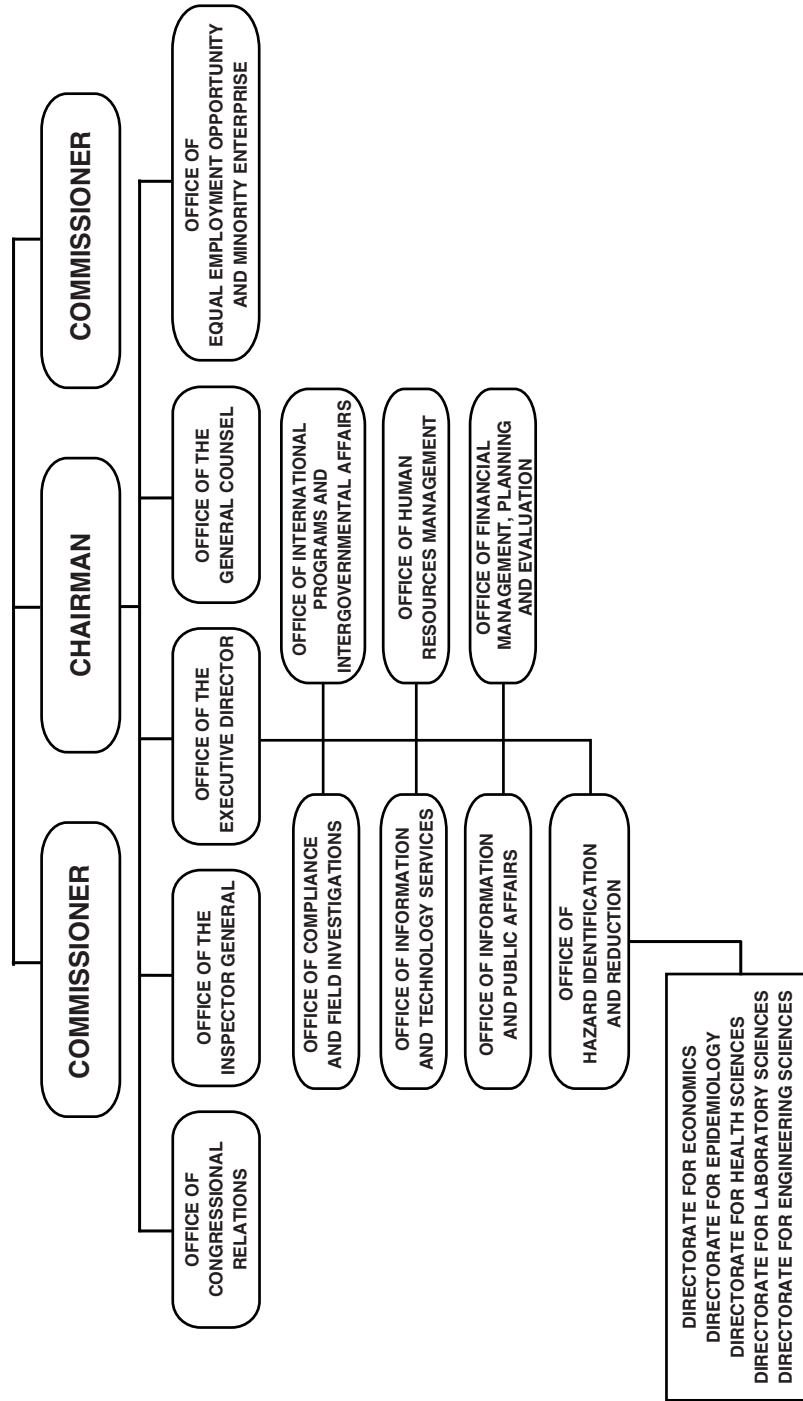
The Commission's headquarters is located at 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Sources of Information

Consumer Information The Commission operates a toll-free Consumer Product Safety Hotline, 800-638-CPSC (English and Spanish); and a teletypewriter for the hearing-impaired, 800-638-8270 (or in Maryland only, 800-492-8140).

General Inquiries Information on Commission activities may be obtained from the Office of Information and Public Affairs, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814. Phone, 301-504-7908.

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